

**EAST COVENTRY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 10, 2020**

ATTENDANCE: G. Brown (Chairman), Larry Tietjen, (Planning Commission Liaison) – by teleconference, Catherine Subick, and Peter Price

Meeting called to order at 7:12 p.m. by G. Brown, Chairman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

Review/Approval of the May 12, 2020 regular Historical Commission meeting minutes – tabled
Review/Approval of the September 8, 2020 regular Historical Commission meeting minutes – L. Tietjen,
Made a motion to approve the minutes, C. Subick seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Suzanne King Amrich – Chester County Historic Preservation Network (CCHPN) – East Coventry
Township Municipal Liaison – introduction, discussion of support offered by the CCHPN

NEW BUSINESS

Chester County Historic Preservation Network (CCHPN) Membership Renewal - \$100.00 annual fee.
Discussion of the benefits of membership – Guidance, training and support through CCHPN municipal
liaisons; Leadership Luncheon and Training for Commission, HARBS, and Committees; Special invitation
to the popular Volunteer Recognition Celebration; direct mailing of the Chester County Ledger
newsletter to your home and direct mailing of the annual Town Tours and Village Walks Brochure to
member's homes. P. Price asked for information on further benefits. Ms. Amrich added, support for
Town Tours and Village Walks, profession support for mitigation of Historic Property's, and may be able
to offer some financial support. C. Subick made a Motion to recommend renewal of East Coventry
Townships Historical Commission CCHPN Municipal Membership in the amount of \$100.00. L. Tietjen
seconded the motion, Motion approved 4-0-0

Historical Commission member liaison to the Parks and Recreation Committee – The Parks and
Recreation Committee are developing trail signs, etc. as part of Wayfinding Program. P. Price has stated
we need a map to include the secondary trails, L. Tietjen and K. Nocella, Parks and
Recreation/Supervisor, have been working on a sign for the Maack Property. G. Brown suggested we
appoint a liaison to coordinate signage for consistency and to identify where signage may be needed. G.
Brown stated Wayfinding has developed a signage 'logo' for wild flowers, etc., Historical signs should
have a logo. C. Subick volunteered as Parks and Recreation liaison for Parks and Recreation signage
liaison. G. Brown made a motion to appoint C. Subick as Historical Commission Liaison for the Parks and
Recreation Wayfinding Project. P. Price seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0-0

(L. Tietjen excused himself to attend a conflicting function. All business has been completed, the
following is presentation and reporting status updates. L. Tietjen gave a report as Planning Commission
Liaison prior to excusing himself addressed in PLANNING COMMISSION.)

Mr. Aloysius (Al) Gryga gave a presentation on the Towpath Park Master Plan Proposal. G. Brown stated the project would likely require a Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission SHPO and possibly and Section 106 Review as the remains and footprint of the Schuylkill Navigation Company Canal which is National Register Eligible runs through this property. There also may be archaeological concerns, specifically with Indian artifacts. This proposal includes nine soccer fields, tennis courts, pickle ball courts, baseball field, skate park, water park, amphitheater, natural play area, etc. It would have about 250 parking spaces, bleachers, restrooms, access/interior pathways and other support facilities. The Historical Commission members asked many questions. Mr. Gryga is an excellent presenter and patiently answered questions presented.

Fricks Locks Stakeholders – G. Brown received an e-mail from J. Rajan, Exelon stating contracts between Exelon and R & B Restoration are in review. The contracts will not be finalized until after the first of the year. E-mail from T. Fenchel, Schuylkill River Greenways stated the December Fricks Locks Stakeholders meeting will be postponed until after the Maintenance Agreement between Exelon and R & B Restoration is finalized.

ARRO Engineering Report for November 9, 2020 - Fricks Locks Village Trailhead, nearing completion, working punch list items. Well test was completed and coliform found during testing. ARRO is investigating possible solutions. All work is scheduled to be substantially completed December 18, 2020 and final completion to be January 17, 2021.

Update/status of bid and construction progress of the James Ellis House and Pavilion – Second Bid Package bids were approved by the Board of Supervisors at their September 14, 2020 meeting. Last update, the Solicitors were reviewing and finalizing the contracts.

Citizen Inquiry – Sara Kolb asked for information on Parcel #18-06-0050. We gave Mrs. Kolb a copy of the 1981 Historic Resource Survey for this parcel and shared a copy of 'Coventry – The Skool Kill District by Estelle Cremers and Pamela Shenk. This book addressed this property with detail.

Historical Commission Budget - Mr. David Kraynik, Township Manager, sent an e-mail to G. Brown stating the 2021 budget would be the same as the 2020 budget for the Historical Commission. That sum is \$9,000.00. The Historical Commission Budget has decreased from \$13,000.00 over time. G. Brown suggested the Historical Commission needs to consider increasing the budget next year for Historic Impact Studies, etc.

PLANNING COMMISSION - L. Tietjen, Planning Commission Liaison

Minor Subdivision Harvey Lane – split one lot into two.

COMMITTEES

Fricks Locks Subcommittee -G. Brown, L. Tietjen

Fricks Locks Volunteer Committee – S. Fitzgerald, G. Brown, J. Stevenson

Archives Committee -G. Brown

Oral History Committee – Unassigned

OTHER BUSINESS

G. Brown had samples of Wayfinding signs and East Pikeland story boards, examples for Fricks Locks

ADJOURNMENT: G. Brown called for adjournment at 9:23 p.m., C. Subick seconded, 3-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

N. Gail Brown for Jeffrey Stevenson
Secretary